

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for processing incoming calls according to the H.221 protocol comprising:
 assigning a terminal address with a multipoint control unit (MCU) to an endpoint terminal using a terminal indicate assignment (TIA) message in a first channel; and
 receiving from said endpoint terminal the terminal address in a second channel.
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the terminal address comprises receipt of a terminal indicate additional channel X (TIX) message.
3. (Currently amended) A processor-based videoconferencing station comprising a multipoint control unit (MCU) and a machine readable medium storing instructions for causing the multipoint control unit to:
 assign a terminal address to an endpoint terminal using a terminal indicate assignment (TIA) message in a first channel; and
 receive from said endpoint terminal the terminal address in a second channel.
4. (Currently amended) The station of claim 3 wherein the terminal address received from the endpoint terminal in the second channel is in a terminal indicate additional channel X (TIX) message.
5. (Currently amended) A processor-based videoconferencing station comprising:
 a receiver for receiving incoming calls from endpoint terminals according to the H.221 protocol; and
 a multipoint control unit (MCU) comprising:
 a terminal address assignor for assigning terminal address to endpoint terminals;
 a transmitter for sending a terminal indicate assignment (TIA) message to an endpoint terminal in a first channel, wherein the TIA message contains the terminal address provided by the terminal address assignor; and

an analyzer to analyze ~~determine~~ if the ~~provided~~ terminal address is sent from the endpoint terminal in a second channel.

6. (Currently amended) The station of claim 6, wherein the analyzer interprets a terminal indicate additional channel X (TIX) message from the endpoint terminal.
7. (New) A method for processing calls according to the H.221 protocol comprising:
receiving a terminal address assigned by a multipoint control unit (MCU) using a terminal indicate assignment (TIA) message in a first channel; and
sending the terminal address in a second channel.
8. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein sending the terminal address comprises the use of a terminal indicate additional channel X (TIX) message.
9. (New) A processor-based videoconferencing system endpoint terminal comprising a machine readable medium storing instructions for causing the endpoint terminal to:
receive a terminal address assigned by a multipoint control unit using a terminal indicate assignment (TIA) message in a first channel; and
sending the terminal address in a second channel.
10. (New) The processor-based videoconferencing system endpoint terminal of claim 9 wherein the terminal address sent from the endpoint terminal in the second channel is in a terminal indicate additional channel X (TIX) message.
11. (New) A processor-based videoconferencing system endpoint terminal comprising:
a receiver for receiving a terminal address assigned by a multipoint control unit using a terminal indicate assignment (TIA) message in a first channel; and
a transmitter for sending said terminal address in a second channel.
12. (New) The endpoint terminal of claim 6, wherein the transmitter sends the terminal address in a terminal indicate additional channel X (TIX) message.